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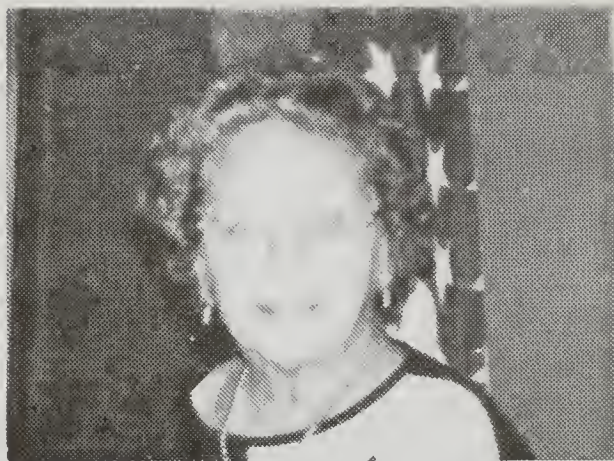
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A
*Message From
The President*

Dorothy C. Baber, CSNA 1577



In perusing some material that was donated back to CSNA from Anna Merle Panosh, I came across an article in the July 1952 issue of Calcoin News, written by then Vice President Dr. Nate Bowers. It is thought-provoking, and well worth reprinting as much of what he said goes in today's world as well as it did nearly fifty years ago.

CSNA Membership — Advantage or Privilege?

"An organization such as ours starts out as a sort of mutual benefit society. The inducements that lead one to join and pay dues are the benefits the individual expects to derive in the pursuit of his hobby. However, when a person joins he becomes a definite tangible part of an organization which is not, and cannot be, anything more than the sum total of what all the individual members put into it.

A person can join the CSNA, contribute nothing but his dues and yet realize extensive benefits from the organization. This is true only because he draws from the pool of benefits formed and built up by the contributions of other, more active members. If all members did nothing more than pay dues, there would be no benefits for any member.

When we analyze the situation in this way, we begin to see that membership is something more than an opportunity to ride the gravy train. Perhaps the opportunity to participate may be a privilege offering prospect for even greater advantages than those at first expected.

Unfortunately it has become the custom to elect officers and then leave entirely to them all the affairs of the organization. In other words, the effort which is to produce benefit for the many if left to the few.

Those elected to office sometimes accept just such responsibilities because they realize the truth in the old saying that one gets out of an organization just about what he puts into it. But if all of us were willing (and smart enough) to accept this same philosophy, the resultant benefits — benefits for all of us — would transform the organization into something more interesting than anything we've had heretofore. In short, when participating is accepted as a privilege, it pays large dividends.

So much for theory. Let's consider some of the ways in which the individual member could capitalize on this privilege. Here are a few suggestions to which you may add your own ideas.

1. Be alert at all times for opportunities to aid in all coin club or association activities. Clubs need the names of good speakers, notes for publication, practical ideas on how to make meetings more interesting, schemes for effective coin displays, etc.

2. Resolve to devote some time to the encouragement of beginners — those new to coin collecting. We lose too many beginners who become discouraged by having to learn the hard way. A beginner needs to be advised, guided, and warned. He needs to be told "things that cannot well be written and should not be published."

3. Be prepared with items of interest about numismatic matters for casual conversation with non-collectors. Try to have something interesting to say about your hobby that will be constructive, helpful and suited to the occasion as well as the company in which you speak.

4. Seek to obtain widespread adoption of standards for rating the condition of coins.

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Editorially

VIRGINIA M. HALL
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In the last few years membership in our hobby has waned, and some clubs have even disbanded due to lack of interest. It is time for all of us to do the necessary things to correct this.

We must bring in new people to keep our hobby growing. Introduce a youth to our hobby! Numismatics is open to everyone regardless of age, be sure to include the young-at-heart!

Coins are an education in history, geography, precious metals, architecture, world events and much, much more. Why not start a coin club in a school? Contact a history teacher, or the principal, enlist their help by offering to speak to a class assembly about the educational benefits derived from our hobby. The knowledge they get from participating in numismatics is not a one time thing, but lasts a lifetime.

Or perhaps have a meeting in the young readers room at the local library. Contact the librarian to coordinate a Saturday afternoon time period. Some libraries already have a coin book section, if not, ask your local coin clubs or dealers to donate some Red Books to be used in the study period. Books left over from previous years will give the same basic information on designers, grading, mintages, etc. as a new one. This will build a nucleus for coin club members and future customers for the dealers.

Young people are eager to learn and are only waiting for instruction.

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Through the Numismatic Glass

THE STORY OF PETER THE EAGLE

Shortly after the turn of the 19th century, an unusual bird made the United States Mint at Philadelphia his home. He was a noble bird with a grand breadth of wing and wondrous piercing eyes. The men at the mint named him "Peter."



PETER THE EAGLE

For six or more years, between 1800 and 1810, Peter roamed at will throughout the city. At that time, Philadelphia was a heavily treed city with much open terrain. Peter found the city and the surrounding country side much to his liking. No one interfered! But as the evening approached, the eagle returned to his adopted home. Arriving before the shop was closed for the night, the mint "pet" was welcomed by all within the Mint. The grand eagle had the run of the old facility on 7th Street. There were no cages or other restricted areas for Peter; he could go anywhere he wished. In fact, the Mint employees believed their special bird was a night watchman and was of great benefit for the protection of the coin factory. Indeed the eagle was an appropriate mascot for our mint!

In 1734, a delegation of Creek Indians sent to England by the directors of the Georgia Company presented King George II with some eagle feathers. The Indians commented they came from the "Swiftest of Birds . . . who flies all round our Nation." But not everyone championed the cause of this bird of prey. Benjamin Franklin was opposed to the adoption of the eagle as our national symbol. Franklin branded the eagle as "a bird of bad moral character" and declared that it ranked as a coward. Instead, why not adopt the homely turkey, Franklin suggested, it was a harmless and beneficent native fowl. Although usually able to influence those around him, Dr. Franklin was not to have his way. The Continental Congress adopted the eagle as an emblem for the Great Seal in 1782, choosing the time-honored symbol of independence, courage and might. Roman soldiers, for example, carried eagle-topped standards into battle, as did Napoleon's troops centuries later. The ancient Greeks saw the eagle as the messenger of Zeus and the bearer of his thunderbolt. Long before the white man landed in America, certain Indian tribes believed the eagle to be sacred while possessing divine powers.

How appropriate that the mascot of the Mint named Peter should be an eagle! The large bird was permitted to come and go as he pleased being welcomed by everyone at the Mint. But it was this freedom to roam about the interior of the Philadelphia facility and perhaps his unusual curiosity that was to be Peter's demise. One day, as the eagle returned from his regular tour of the city, Peter perched upon a huge flywheel that, for the moment, was at rest. One can imagine the eagle watching the men at work busily producing the nation's coins, when the machinery began to move. The great bird was startled and panic took the place of reason. As the wheel turned, Peter tried to gain his bearing only to have his great wing caught in the moving gear. Everyone scrambled to stop the rotation. But alas, it was too late. The wing was damaged beyond repair and although great efforts were forthcoming to save the bird, Peter passed on to eternity.

The great eagle of the Mint was to remain with the men and their Mint. The employees gathered together funds and found a taxidermist to preserve Peter. Soon, Peter once again was at the Mint everyday. Only this time, his travels were over. No longer did he find his daily exercise and food by flying over the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding countryside. His proud figure showing his great wingspan, those wondrous piercing eyes and grand features have remained ever since on display at all four of the successive Philadelphia Mints.

As preparations were under way to move into the present facility, it was found necessary to return Peter to the taxidermist for restoration and an appropriate display case. So it was that late in the 1950s Peter began five weeks of renewal. The taxidermist reported the Mint's eagle was very fragile and needed very careful work as age, even with the preservation work of the 19th century, had taken a heavy toll. But by the end of June, the work had been completed and Peter was ready for his new home.

PETER EMPLOYED AS A COIN MODEL



Christian Gobrecht flying eagle design of 1836.



Although produced in the same types as the Gobrechts of 1839, no official documentation exists to confirm the status of the 1838's as legally issued coins.



Obviously a pattern by its date and design, this is a good example of a variety of design of the eagle itself.

Christian Gobrecht joined the Mint in 1835 as an assistant at \$1,500 per year. He was to become one of the Mint's most famous engravers. In 1835 and 1836, Gobrecht worked with what was to become the Liberty seated design for silver coins. His "flying eagle" concept for the reverse followed the famous Mint artist, Titian Peal's drawing of the pet eagle, "Old Pete."



Flying Eagle cents of 1856 were originally intended as pattern coins, but approximately 1,000 were struck and released to circulation.

A little over twenty years later, the famous "Flying Eagle Cent" appeared. The only coin of the United States to feature the national symbol "eagle" on the obverse, it was copied from Gobrecht's famous design of the Mint's much loved mascot, Peter.

If you have an opportunity to visit the Mint in Philadelphia, you'll see Peter as you enter the facility, looking at those who visit and continuing to watch over his adopted home.

CORRECTION

An article about the Lindbergh ransom money written by Bob Lemke in 1975 appeared in the Spring 1990 issue of *Calcoin News*. I credited it to the wrong magazine for which I apologize. It should have been *COINS Magazine*. I am sorry for any inconvenience this caused the author and his editor.

ON THE WAY TO SAN JOSE

The Cupertino Coin Club with General Chairman Ken Barr are planning big things for the 87th CSNA Semi-Annual Convention. Be sure to make room in your busy schedule to spend three days and enjoy meeting your friends in a numismatic environment. Please take special notice of the information below.

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Kay Lenker, Dorothy Baber, Donna Pope (Director of the Mint) and Catarina Villalpando (Treasurer of the United States).

A JOB WELL DONE

Members of the San Diego County coin clubs are to be proud of the convention they hosted March 2, 3, 4 at the Town and Country Hotel Convention Center. Nearly 5,000 persons passed through the doors during the brief show, sponsored by the ANA and Professional Numismatists Guild. SDNS member Dorothy Baber is now the third person in the Baber family to proudly wear the silver Goodfellow Medal. Al received his by serving as G/M for the 1968 San Diego ANA and Larry earned his from the 1981 Hawaii Midwinter.

Dorothy says she received accolades from quite a few people on the success of the show and says it would not have happened without the outstanding support of her fine committee, and she expresses her thanks to each and every one of them.

REBELS OF OUR LARGE CURRENCY

By Don T. Thrall
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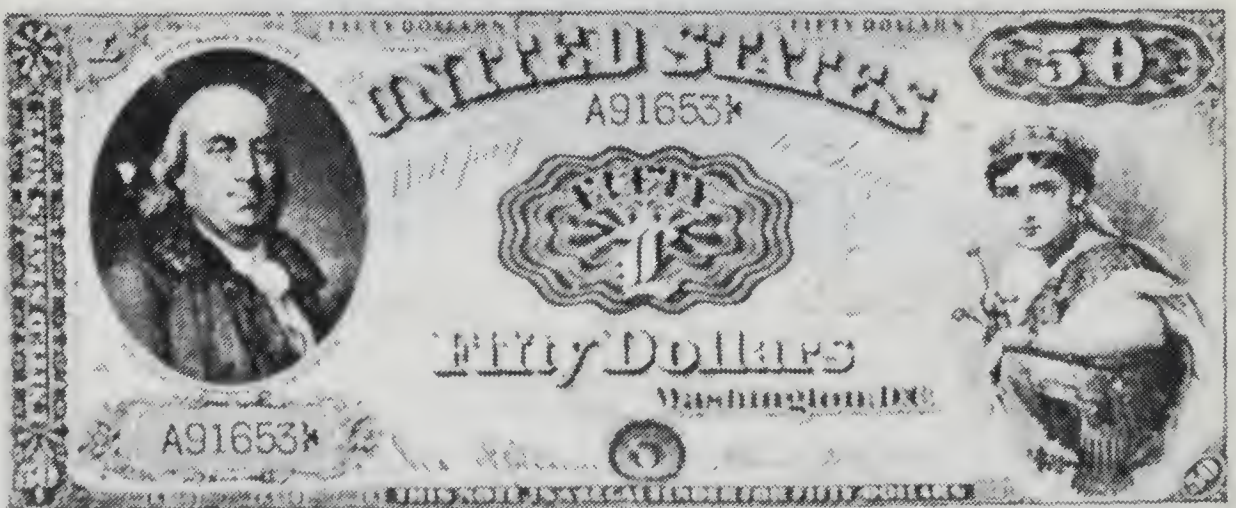
Many of the revolutionary figures who helped with the founding of the United States more than 200 years ago along with scenes of some of the activities pertinent to our founding are illustrated on our large currency.

The scenes depicted all appear on the national currency issues of 1863-75. The battle of Lexington is pictured on the front of the \$20.00 note. Washington crossing the Delaware and a kneeling continental soldier are depicted on the front of the \$50.00 note. The signing of the Declaration of Independence is depicted on the back of the \$100.00 note.

The following paragraphs are brief biographical sketches of the rebels who appear on large United States currency. They are in inverse order of age. That is, Benjamin Franklin, the oldest rebel comes first.

Benjamin Franklin was born at Boston, Massachusetts on January 17, 1706. He emigrated to Philadelphia in 1723. In 1764 he was sent to England to act as the agent for Pennsylvania and in 1766 was appointed agent for New Jersey, Georgia and Massachusetts. Franklin sailed for America after an absence of eleven years. Reaching Philadelphia May 5, 1775 to find that the battles of Lexington and Concord had already been fought and at once changed from an advocate of peace to a supporter of war. He was elected to the continental congress and in 1776 journeyed to Canada in a vain attempt to secure their cooperation. He served on the committee to draw up the declaration of independence of which he was one of the signers. In 1776 he was sent to France as commissioner to the French government. He negotiated the treaty of Paris in 1778 which made France an ally of the United States, and which was the turning point of the revolution. In 1781, Franklin was appointed on a commission to negotiate a treaty of peace with Great Britain. The treaty was signed on September 3, 1783. He died in his own house in Philadelphia on April 17, 1790.

Franklin appears on the ten dollar national bank note series 1863-75, the fifty dollar legal tender note series 1880 and one hundred dollar federal reserve note series 1914.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN — Federal Reserve Note — \$50

Head of Benjamin Franklin, Liberty dressed as Columbia. Because of color, seal placement or embellishments, there are several distinct types of this design.

Michael Hillegas was born in Philadelphia on April 22, 1729. On July 29, 1775 Mr. Hillegas and George Clymer were made joint treasurers of the colonies by action of the Continental Congress. Michael Hillegas was appointed as first U.S. Treasurer on September 6, 1777 and occupied that important position until September 11, 1789. Michael Hillegas died on September 19, 1804.

Hillegas' portrait appears on the ten dollar gold certificate series 1907 and 1922.



MICHAEL HILLEGAS — Gold Certificate — \$10

Head of Michael Hillegas, the first Treasurer of the United States.

Martha Dandridge Custis Washington was born on June 21, 1731 in New Kent County, Virginia. She was raised in the plantation tradition, which for girls, was little schooling and early marriage. At the age of 17 she married Daniel Park Custis, who was 30 and a semi-invalid. During the next eight years she bore four children, two of whom died in infancy. The only son, was born just before Custis died in 1757 leaving Martha a wealthy widow at the age of 26. Martha's marriage to George Washington was apparently her family's wishes as he was not considered her social equal. George Washington and Martha Custis were married in 1759. Each winter during the revolution she was driven to her husband's headquarters, her coach usually laden with provisions from Mt. Vernon. She spent two years with the army at Newburgh, New York while the peace treaty was pending. After a brief period at Mt. Vernon with her two grandchildren she was for eight years the nation's First Lady at New York and Philadelphia. Martha survived her husband by about two years. She died at Mt. Vernon May 22, 1802.



GEORGE WASHINGTON-MARTHA WASHINGTON — Silver Certificate \$1

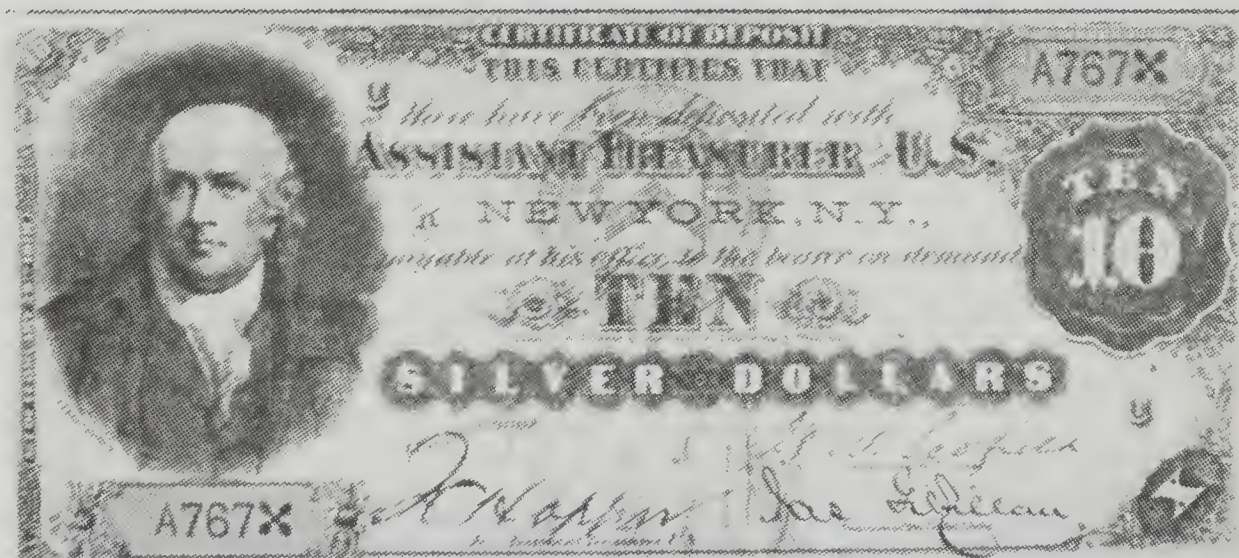
George Washington was born in Bridges Creek, Westmoreland County, Virginia in 1732. His brother's death in 1751 lead to his inheritance of Mt. Vernon. Washington represented Virginia in the first and second Continental Congress. When congress organized national resistance, he was appointed commander-in-chief. When the war ended he retired to Mt. Vernon and turned his attention to securing a stronger government by constitutional means. He presided over the convention which formulated the present constitution of the United States. The government began in 1789 with Washington as first President. He retired at the end of eight years in office to his estate at Mt. Vernon, where he died in 1799.

George Washington's portrait appears on more currency issues than any other person. He appears on one dollar legal tender notes series 1875, 1880, 1917 and 1923; one dollar silver certificates series 1896 and 1923 and two dollar silver certificate series 1905, 1906 and 1922; one dollar federal reserve bank note series 1918.

Martha Washington's portrait appears on the silver certificate series of 1886, 1891, and 1896. Martha is the only woman aside from allegorical figures to appear on our currency.

Robert Morris was born in Liverpool, England on January 31, 1734. He immigrated to America in 1747. He was a member of the Continental Congress from 1775 to 1778. He was Superintendent of Finance from 1781 to 1784 and established the Bank of Pennsylvania in 1781. He served in the Senate from 1789 to 1795. He died in comparative penury in Philadelphia May 17, 1806.

Morris' portrait appears on the ten dollar silver certificate series 1880 and the thousand dollar legal tender note series 1862-3.



ROBERT MORRIS — Silver Certificate — \$10

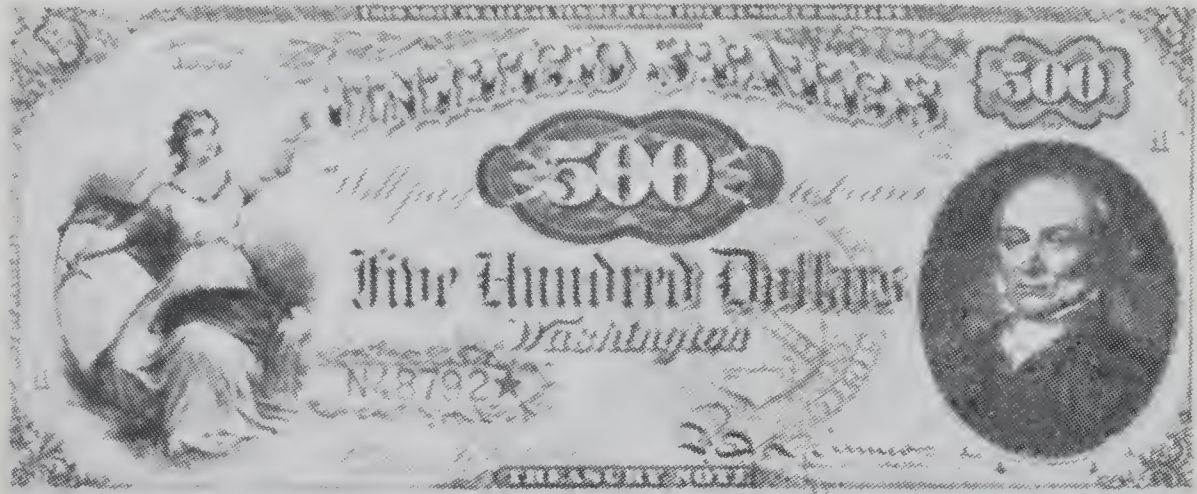
Head of Robert Morris, Superintendent of Finance, 1781-1784.

John Adams was born at Quincy, Massachusetts in 1735; the eldest son of John Adams, a farmer of comfortable circumstances. He at first intended to become a minister, but became a lawyer, being admitted to the bar in 1758. In 1764 he married Abigail Smith, the daughter of a minister of Weymouth. In 1768 he moved to Boston and became known as a political writer in behalf of the colonies. In 1770 he risked his popularity by acting with Josiah Quincy as counsel for the defense of the British soldiers accused of complicity in the Boston Massacre, on the ground of the right of every man to a fair trial; but this act won general respect. From 1774 to 1776 he was a member of the Continental Congress, where he seconded the nomination of Washington as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, and secured passage of the resolutions of May 10 and 15, 1776, recommending to all colonies the formation of state governments on an independent basis. On June 7 he seconded the resolution in favor of a declaration of independence by all the states. He was appointed with Jefferson, Franklin, Sherman and Livingstone, a member of the committee to draw up the declaration. Adams was especially influential in securing its adoption and was one of the foremost signers.

In 1777 Adams was appointed a commissioner to France, reaching Paris in 1778; in Holland he effected a loan for the United States, and in 1782 secured a treaty with Holland

recognizing the independence of the United States. He took part in concluding the provisional and the final treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain (1782-1783). In 1785 he and Abigail went to London as the first ambassador of the United States to the Court of St. James. In 1788 he was recalled and elected Vice President of the United States under Washington. In 1796 he was elected President of the United States as the first successor of George Washington. He died on the same day with his great rival, Jefferson, July 4, 1826, fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Adams portrait appears on the five hundred dollar legal tender note series of 1869.

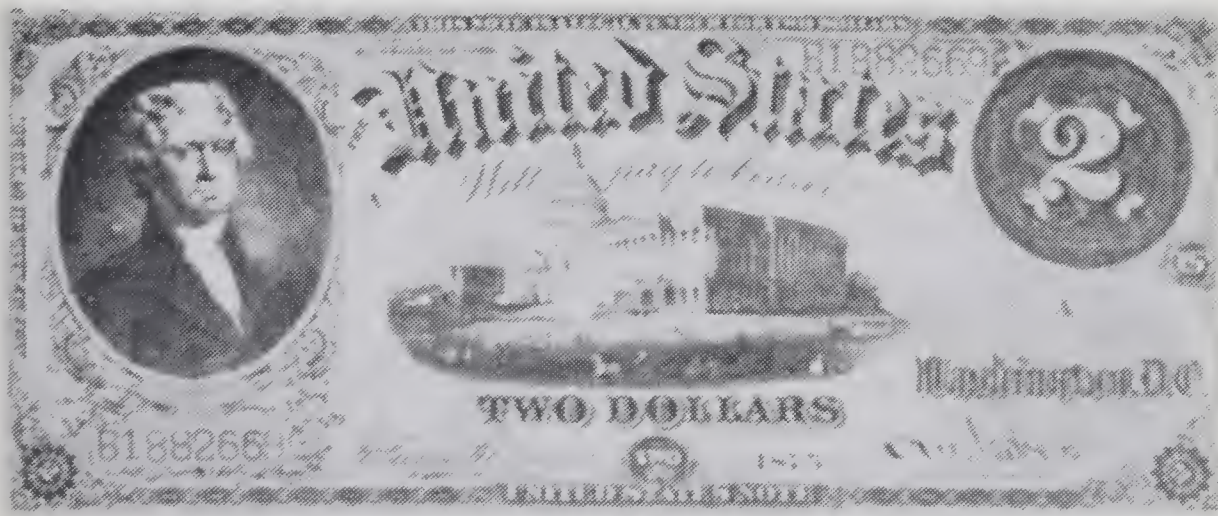


JOHN ADAMS — Legal Tender — \$500

Head of John Quincy Adams, Sixth President of the United States.

Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 at Shadwell in Albemarle County, Virginia. In 1767 he was admitted to the bar and in 1769 he was a delegate to the House of Burgesses. He was a member of the second Continental Congress in 1775, and was reelected to the third congress in 1776. Jefferson was appointed as one of a committee of five to prepare a Declaration of Independence. At the request of his colleagues, Jefferson wrote the draft of the declaration, which was submitted to the congress on June 28 and was adopted in modified form on July 4, 1776. Washington appointed him secretary of state in 1789. In 1797 he was elected Vice President of the United States and in 1801 he became President. In 1809 he returned to Monticello where he died on July 4, 1826.

Jefferson's portrait appears on the two dollar legal tender note series 1880 and 1917, and the two dollar federal reserve bank note.

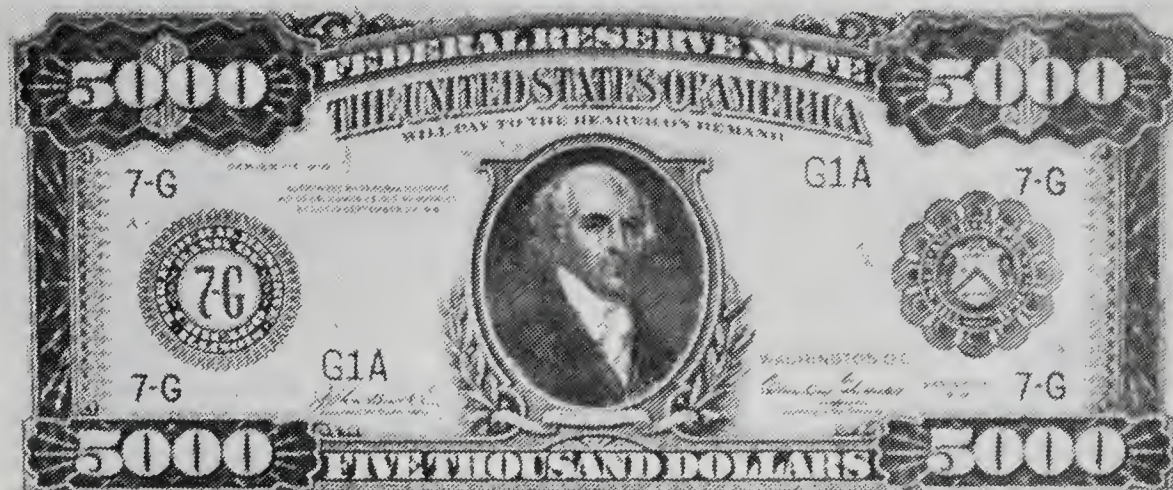


THOMAS JEFFERSON — Legal Tender — \$2

Head of Thomas Jefferson, Third President of the United States.

James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born at Port Conway, Virginia on March 16, 1751. He entered New Jersey College, now Princeton, at 18 and graduated in 1771. He was a delegate to the Virginia convention in 1776 and took part in drawing up the state constitution. In 1780 he was elected to the Continental Congress and in 1784 to the legislature of Virginia. He was active in bringing about the convention of 1787 which framed the federal constitution. He was elected to the first national congress. In 1801, Jefferson selected him as his Secretary of State, which position he held for eight years. He was elected President of the United States in 1808 and served two terms. He retired to Montpelier, Virginia in 1817 and died there on June 28, 1836 at the age of 85.

Madison's portrait appears on the five thousand dollar federal reserve note series 1918.



JAMES MADISON — Federal Reserve Note — \$5000

Head of James Madison, Fourth President of the United States.

John Marshall was born in Fauquier County, Virginia on September 24, 1755. He served as a lieutenant and a captain in the continental army under his father colonel Thomas Marshall from 1775 to 1779. He took up the practice of law in 1780 and rose to be head of the Virginia bar. In 1788 he was elected to the convention which ultimately adopted the United States Constitution. In 1799 he was elected to Congress. On May 12, 1800 he was appointed Secretary of State. He was appointed Chief Justice of the United States in 1801 and held the position until 1832. He died on July 6, 1835.

Marshall's portrait appears on the twenty dollar Treasury or coin note series 1890-1 and the five hundred dollar federal reserve note series 1918.

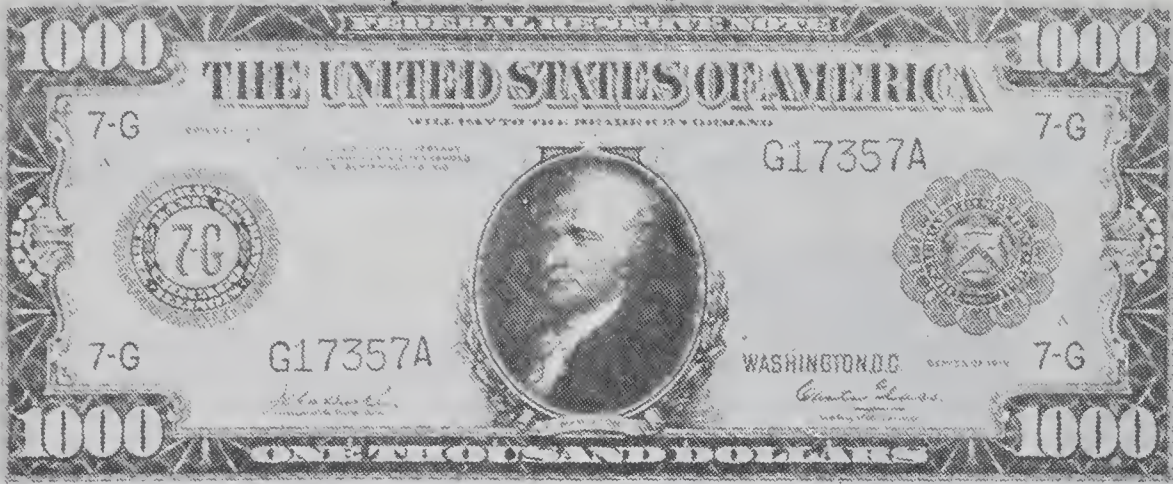


JOHN MARSHALL — Federal Reserve Note — \$500

Head of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States, 1801-1832.

Alexander Hamilton was born in 1757 at Nevis Isle, West Indies of Scotch and French-Huguenot parents. He immigrated to New York in the autumn of 1772. On the first appearance of disagreement between Great Britain and her colonies, Hamilton wrote a series of papers in defense of the rights of the colonies. On the outbreak of the war he obtained a commission as captain of artillery, saw active service in New York and New Jersey and became Washington's side-de-camp in 1777. On the termination of the war he left the service with the rank of colonel. On the establishment of the new government in 1789 with Washington as President, Hamilton was appointed Secretary of Treasury. In 1795 he resigned his office and resumed the practice of law in New York. He was mortally wounded in a duel with Aaron Burr at Weehawken, New Jersey on July 11, 1804 and died the next day in New York.

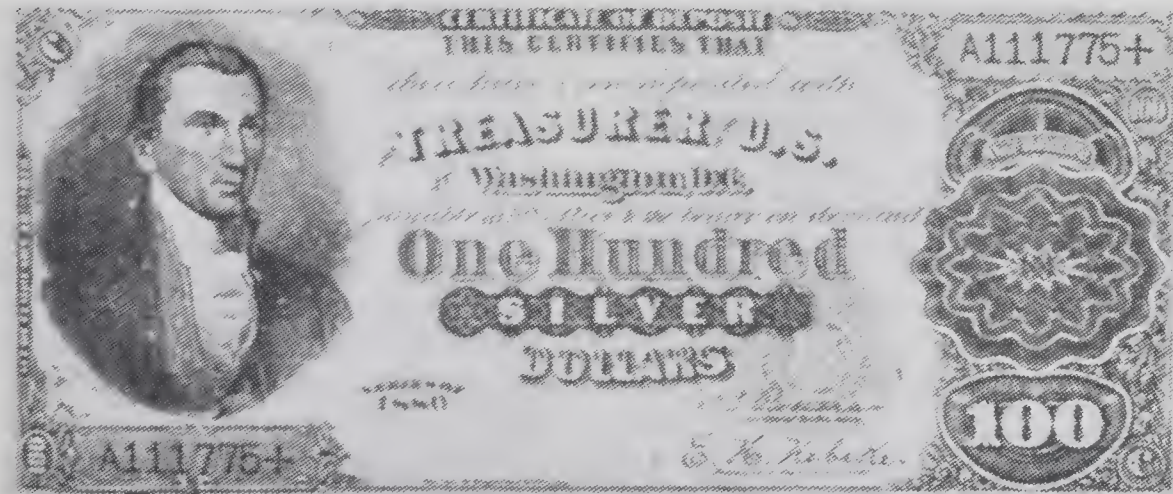
Hamilton's portrait appears on the five dollar legal tender note series 1861, 2 and 3; fifty dollar series 1862-3; two dollar series 1862 and twenty dollar series 1880. He also appeared on the one thousand dollar gold certificate series 1882 and the one thousand federal reserve note series 1918.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON — Federal Reserve Note — \$1000

Head of Alexander Hamilton, First U.S. Secretary and Treasurer, 1789-1795.

James Monroe was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia on April 28, 1758. He entered William and Mary College at the age of eighteen, but his studies were interrupted by the revolutionary war. He took part in the battles of Harlem Heights, White Plains, Brandywine and Monmouth. He attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel as an aide-de-camp and military commissioner. On leaving the service he studied law under Jefferson.



JAMES MONROE — Silver Certificate — \$100

Head of James Monroe, Fifth President of the United States.

In 1782 he was elected to the assembly of Virginia. The next year he returned to congress where he spent three years. Monroe was a member of the Virginia convention which ultimately approved the new United States constitution which he opposed. He was a member of the United States Senate from 1790 to 1794 and minister to France until 1796. He was governor of Virginia from 1799 to 1802 and again in 1811. In that year he was appointed Secretary of State by Madison, which post he held until 1817. In 1816 Monroe was elected President of the United States, and held the office for eight years. In 1825 Monroe retired to his seat at Oak Hill, Virginia. He died in New York on July 5, 1831.

Monroe's portrait appears on the one hundred dollar silver certificate series 1880.

(Editor's Note: This article was a Bronze Medal winner in the PCNS papers contest a few years ago.)



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



George E. Moore, III
CSNA 3250

George Emory Moore, III saw the light of day on December 3, 1950 at the Monrovia Hospital in Monrovia, California. He and his parents lived in Baldwin Park until 1952 when they moved to a new home in Fontana where they resided until 1987. Retirement called his parents and they moved to Yucca Valley, a small High Desert town 30 miles north of Palm Springs.

George attended grade school in Upland and high school at Aquinas H.S. in San Bernardino. Upon graduation he attended Loyola University in Los Angeles where he received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Instead of following that career he

purchased a small trophy/awards shop from Mrs. Dorothy Green, who had just lost her husband, Gordon, a well-known figure in the numismatic world. While George attended his Junior and Senior years in high school and part of his college years he worked for the Greene's part-time in their shop, learning engraving and the manufacture of awards. Mrs. Greene called upon George to help her out in 1977 immediately after Gordon passed away and during that interval it was suggested that George buy the business. So, he was on his way to becoming a small business man and utilizing his new degree in the field.

When George was 10 years old, his paternal grandfather sent him Whitman folders with some cents and nickels in them. This was his start in coin collecting, and although he has not recently been real active in it, he was truly devoted to club functions until he went away to Loyola University. During his college years he attended all of the conventions in the area, but his days of weekly attendance at club meetings waned, although he was always assisting his mother, Nona, in her little coin shop.

5. Urge the development of some plan or program through which insurance companies and coin dealers could cooperate in speedy broadcasting to dealers descriptions of stolen coins. An effective

Since 1977, when he became the owner of GALAXIE DESIGNS in Anaheim, he has been a champion of the Junior Numismatists. He has continued the ANA's Gordon Greene Memorial Junior Award for exhibiting by donating the first three awards. He also continues the Abe Kosoff Junior Awards for CSNA, and he originated the Gordon Z. Greene Best in Show Memorial Award for Junior exhibiting at the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

His original collections are still intact and his coin collecting has changed to a degree as he buys coins in a different manner. Although he is behind the scenes all of the time, you will occasionally see him at a banquet, and he continues his membership in several of the area coin clubs.

His business has grown into a large awards and gift shop in Anaheim through his dedication and long hours of work to make it successful. He is presently in the

process of selling it and opening a new shop in Yucca Valley where he will continue to do the numismatic awards for any coin organization who contacts him! He hopes by opening a new shop in a small town that he will be able to semi-retire and once again get back to real coin collecting instead of just reading and hearing about it and working behind the scenes.

His other interests are Physics and Electronics but they have taken a back seat for so many years that he plans to spend some "retirement" time dabbling in those. Of course, he enjoys growing things (his mother says he has a real Green Thumb), so between planting and running the tractor on their 80 acres, he intends to keep busy doing what he enjoys the most.

Hopefully you will see George in attendance at more of the activities, but you can depend on him to continue his support of the Junior Numismatists.

— By Nona Moore —

President's Message — *(continued from page 66)*

system for doing this could gain three important advantages, namely, (a) there would be better prospect for recovery of stolen coins, (b) insurance rates could be reduced, and (c) a collector would be encouraged to buy and keep at home the more valuable items. If he has to keep them locked up in a bank vault for safety, there is little inducement for him to own them at all.

These and other such activities become your privilege if you are a really interested, vigorously active member, and you will find that your endeavors will pay large dividends."

Progress has been made in some of the areas in paragraphs 4 & 5, but the other comments made by Dr. Bowers are still of prime concern. If all members would do more than just pay dues, what a great association we would have!!!!

I'd like to make mention of the brief visit that the Colvers and I had to San Francisco

on March 27, 1990. Charles and I were invited to the swearing-in ceremony of Carol Marshall as the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint. We considered it quite an honor, finding there were only four in the numismatic hobby present — Mary, Charles, Walter Breen and myself. We reminded Mrs. Marshall that it was through the diligent efforts of Charles and a few others, that the Assay Office again was named a 'Mint' — she in turn, thanked Charles for her job.

All for now, and thanks for listening,
Dorothy

NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR

CSNA member 1832, Lowell L. Lundberg of Slidell, La. recently received the Krause Numismatic Ambassador Award. CONGRATULATIONS, Lowell.

Be sure to attend your local coin club or show.
Support your hobby!

22nd EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



DR. WALTER OSTROMECKI, JR.

Vice- President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

Author, Researcher, Speaker

Topic: "Signatures Change, But Currency Does Not"



Standing at left:

TOM MILLER — Deputy Superintendent
S.F. Mint

Topic: "The United States Mint at San
Francisco"

Standing at right:

WALTER BREEN — Researcher and
Writer

Topic: "The Answers to Your Questions
on American Coins"

Seated at left:

ROBERT HOGE — Museum Curator of
the A.N.A.

Topic: "Exchange Activities in Acquisition
in the ANA Museum: International
Partnerships Among
Museums"

Seated at right:

DR. THOMAS F. FITZGERALD
Director of Education — CSNA

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

The LEWIS M. REAGAN FOUNDATION for their financial support of our 1990 symposium.

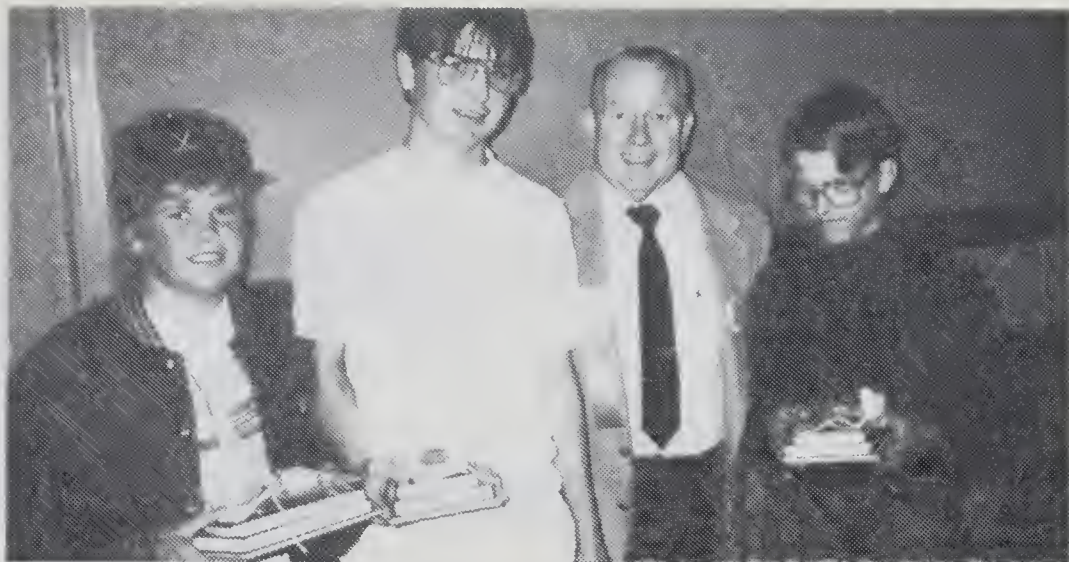
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GALAXIE DESIGNS for the donation of ribbons.

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA for hosting the lunch for
the Young Numismatists.

COVINA COIN CLUB for the donation of Red Books.

WILLIAM and ELIZABETH WISSLEAD, ALBERT and VIRGINIA HALL for donation
of miscellaneous coins for the Young Numismatists.



Young Numismatists from the San Diego area with gifts supplied by CSNA and interested individuals. Left to Right: Chris Swinko, Cameron Swinko, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald and Chris Vaugham.

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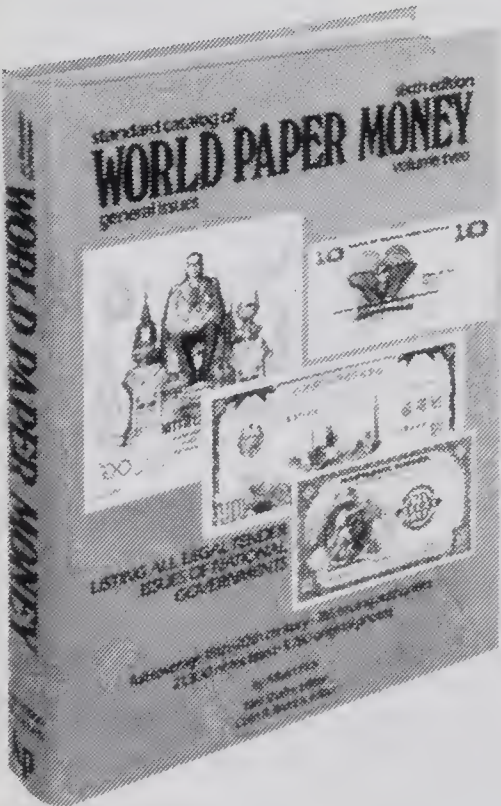
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THE BOOK SHELF

It will be much tougher to counterfeit bank notes in the future! That's just one of many new facts that have surfaced in the all new 6th edition of Albert Pick's Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, Vol. II, General Issues.

The main thrust of the new 6th edition focuses on pricing. More than 21,300 notes from 265 note-issuing authorities are listed in up to three grades of preservation. Each listing is a thorough survey of the note in question. Catalog number, denomination, date (where known), color (face and back), design description, printer and valuations are all included. Countries are in alphabetical order.

This 1136-page Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, Vol. II, General Issues is offered in a 8½" x 11" hardcover, priced at \$49.00 from either your favorite hobby dealer or direct from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.



SAN FRANCISCO MINT GETS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Carol Mayer Marshall of San Francisco was officially sworn in March 27th as superintendent of the San Francisco Mint. Marshall was confirmed March 6 by the U.S. Senate and President Bush signed her commission two days later.

"I don't believe enough people are aware of the resources of the Old San Francisco Mint Museum or the Mint itself," she said. "The Mint should be a good citizen and become more involved in the community."

The Mint boasts a display of the most comprehensive collection of pioneer gold and related items that are on loan to the Old San Francisco Mint Museum by owner, a New England collector.



Carol Mayer
Marshall

THE AGE OF COMMODITY MONEY

By Keith Laumel

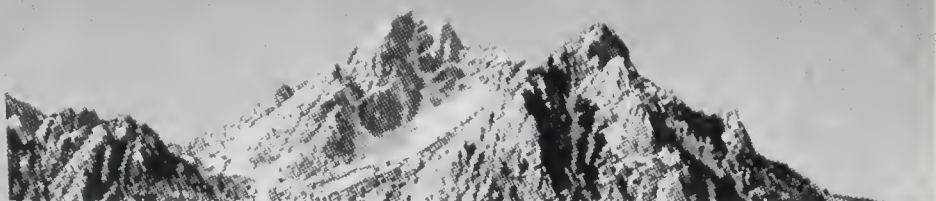
Coins play a very important part in our lives. By definition, coins are objects of metal of a standard weight, stamped with a representation guaranteeing their weight and value. It might be interesting to take a trip back through the years and follow the development of coinage.

Long before the appearance of metallic coinage ancient man transacted all daily trade by the direct exchange of one article for another. About 4000 B.C. the Sumerians of ancient Mesopotamia knew how to make use of silver, copper and other metals. This has been established through recent excavations in that region. Their metal work was very remarkable. They also made use of ivory, fine stone and precious woods. In addition, the Sumerians were skilled in agriculture. They raised great crops of grain and vegetables and kept domestic animals. All of these many products were used as barter.



Clay Due Bill of Babylonia
25th Century B. C.

A great many records of Sumerian businessmen testify to the remarkable height their commerce reached before 3000 B.C. Men signed receipts, accounts, bills and notes. They were all inscribed on clay tablets; the chief source of knowledge of this early type of civilization. It has also been learned from tablets, that money was loaned at 20 to 33½% interest as was regulated by law.



SOUTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: WILLIAM J. GRANT, CSNA 2860

SCANS SHOW 'N TELL and RULERS FOR 1990-1991

A show 'N Tell by club members was held during February. Rulers for the years 1990 and 1991 are Augustus (President); Vic Kozik; Quaster; (Treasurer); Roger Lehman; Scriba (Secretary); Leonora Donald; Senators (Board Members); Lloyd Beauchaine, Nick Jamgochian, Dale Sigler and Hans Rauch.

A slide presentation on Greek coins was presented by N. V. Jamgochian during April.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB HONORS NORTHAM

Twenty-six members attended the installation and awards banquet. Outgoing president Bob Northam was the recipient of the "Aubrey Austin Award," Congratulations, Robert!

Black History month was observed in February with a slide presentation of "Prominent Black Americans in Numismatics." Vice President Phil Iversen conducted the March program with a slide program "American's Silver Coinage 1794-1891." In April Charles G. Colver spoke on his participation of the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission.

BAY CITIES EXECS

Leading the Bay Cities Club for 1990 are President, George Russell; Vice President and Treasurer, Phil Iversen; Secretary, Barry Lapes. Governors are Past President, Bob Northam, Jim Betton, Kay Northam, Harry Storch, and Max Wedertz. The meeting is the 3rd Monday, 8 p.m. at the Mercury Savings & Loan, 2920 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West Los Angeles.

DOWNEY

Recent speakers were Dale Snyder on U.S. Commemorative Coins and Alex Shagin shared knowledge on medallic art work.

The Downey Numismatists are meeting once again at the California Federal Savings and Loan Association, 8211 Firestone Blvd. in Downey. Paul Knoll, won two gold pieces at the recent NASC gold drawing at the Golden State Coin Show. In an effort to secure new members, an exchange program is underway; club members will visit other coin clubs in hopes of increasing membership.

ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF L.A.

"My collection & Recollection." was Alex Shagin topic for February's program. INSLA did very well in the recent NASC Gold Drawing. Ten (10) of the 45 gold coins were won by tickets sold by INSLA members, not too bad for 240 books sold. Paul Borack narrated a NASC slide program in March and for April Jerry and Mary Yahalom spoke on their recent trip to England.

The Oracle, (the club publication) won the NASC President's Trophy for the "Best Coin Club Publication" for 1989. Congratulations to the editors Murray and Syd Singer.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB

Program for February: "Prominent Black Americans in Numismatics," a slide presentation by President Phil Iversen. In March a slide program on "America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891." And for April, an Easter program "Coins and Early Christianity."

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB AND ITS 51ST YEAR

Officers elected for the year 1990: President, Bruce J. Davidson; Vice President, Walter H. Dittrich; Secretary, Elizabeth L. Wisslead; Treasurer, William O. Wisslead; Directors: Peter Meyer, Diana Baker, Richard Dittrich, Bill Pannier and Ralph A. Mitchell.

Speakers included William O. Wisslead, "Malta, Its History and Coinage;" Elizabeth L. Wisslead, conducted a numismatic quiz; and G. Lee Kuntz, spoke on his speciality "U.S. Large Cents."

WHITTIER COIN CLUB MOURNS THE LOSS OF NATE BROMBERG

Club members expressed their sorrow and thoughts on the passing of Nate Bromberg during April's meeting.

The featured speaker for February was Bob Scott, his interesting program on "Numismatic Travelling in China and Hong Kong," was well received. And in March Jessie Uhler presented a slide program of the Bill Fivaz Collection. Mark Blakely's mini talks and oral quiz of the Red Book is just great.

OUT WEST VALLEY WAY

The 7th Annual Installation Banquet was held at the Swedish Inn in Woodland Hills the newly elected Club Officers were installed by Donna Sims. In addition, club awards were handed out to: Richard Murchanian who received the Russ Snyder Exhibit Award for the 3rd straight time; Marin Ostromecki was presented the George Price Memorial Service Award; Life membership #4 went to T. W. Thompson and Life Membership #20 went to Richard Lebold.

Program speakers included Bob Scott; Bruce Davidson and Dennis Rocklein. In March the club celebrated its 35th birthday; and the club honored Harold and Leonora Donald on their 50th Anniversary with a surprise cake.

SOUTH BAY COIN CLUB

The South Bay Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 at the Walteria Park Rec. Room, 3815 West 242nd Street, Torrance, CA 90505. For additional information call (213) 375-2025.

VERDUGO HILLS HOLDS 25TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Sterling's Restaurant was the place to be on March 11 when the Club celebrated its 25th Annual Coin Show. The show was highlighted with a Gold Drawing following exhibit awards.

The speaker on Lincoln's birthday (Feb. 12th) was a slide program by Dennis Rocklein and for March George Baude spoke on Political Currency in the 20th Century.

NEWS FROM L.A. COIN CLUB

In February Bill Wisslead presented a program on Malta. Alex Shagin spoke on medallic sculptures and coin designs. In April Michael Moline gave a program on Numismatics of 1990. Congratulations to THE WIRE EDGE Editor Paul Borack for his second finish for the Karl M. Brainard Memorial Literay Award (best newsletter for the year). The club continues to have a good turnout of displays each month.

LITTON'S ONE MAN PROGRAM

Program Chairman Phil Iversen presented the programs for February, March and April. Inflation has not hit the club yet — dues are still only \$2.00. Due to renovation of the conference room, the monthly meeting will be held in building 33 (the tin shed near the east gate).

SANTA BARBARA NEWS

A special auction program in February was conducted by Bob Barber. Stan Grifeth shared some grading knowledge he received when he attended an ANA sponsored seminar. In April Charles G. Colver presented a program on his experiences as a member of the Assay Commission in 1974. The raffle prizes have had a quality upgrade.

NEWS FROM THE FOUR C JOURNAL

Fifty-five persons attended the January Installation Banquet where Dr. John Venable performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies and Installing Officer. A good time was had by all and the thirty-three door prizes didn't hurt either. Treasurer Dr. Walt Ostromecki, Jr. has been elected vice-president of NASC. Andrew Portnoy attended his first coin convention (GSCS).

Sculpture/Engraver Alex Shagin was the speaker for February; COIN-O was the program for March and April, George Baude spoke on Coins and Currency of the Military. Dr. Walt Ostromecki, Jr. was in attendance at the old San Francisco Mint to witness the swearing-in ceremony of the first woman Superintendent Carol Mayer Marshall.

UPLAND COIN CLUB

Rain could not keep the members away in February as a motion picture film "The Face of Lincoln" was presented by Bill Grant filling in for Ohio bound Al Hall. Marin Ostromecki was to have given the program for March, however, due to a freeway problem the Ostromecki's could not make it to the meeting on time, and so we went home early. Harold Katzman gave an interesting program on his ten favorite numismatic items in April.

The club continues to enjoy a good turnout of members each month and displays are on the increase.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB

In February Dr. Larry Burgess spoke on his favorite subject Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. In addition, Twelve club members attended the Lincoln Day Dinner in Redlands.

Marlin Lenhart was presented a plaque for his making of a new ticket drum (a great job too.) A surprised Jack Tatum received an autograph picture of Raiders football player Jack Tatum. In addition, Jack received a second place with his medal display at the 75th Orange Show in April. William O. Wisslead, spoke in March on the Island of Malta, its history and coins. And in April Marin Ostromecki presented her part two of Confederate Currency.

Back To The Basics programs were presented by Key Lenker, Freddie Grant and Al Hall.

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS

FUN was honored to have Dr. Larry Burgess of Redlands speak on President Lincoln.

Six members were winners of the NASC Gold drawing at the Golden State Coin

Show in January. The program for March was the annual super auction. Of the 200 lots available for sale 60% sold (120 lots). An Easter slide program was presented by Vice-President Kay Lenker on the "Coins of the Bible."

REDLANDS COIN CLUB

Director of the Smiley Library, Dr. Larry Burgess presented a Lincoln program he called "Lincoln and His Interpreters." March was the beginning of an alphabet program, where club members bring in coin and/or currencies of countries that begin with the letter "A." The letter "B" was the subject for April.

Club members were asked to consider which they preferred; return to the Smiley Library, when remodeling is completed this summer or remain at the Joslyn Center.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIST

The San Diego Numismatic Society Installation Dinner was held on January 20th at the Nordic Inn. William O. Wisslead was the speaker; Kay Lenker, Master of Ceremonies and CSNA President Dorothy Baber was the installation officer. The new officers installed for 1990-1991 were President, Chuck Luce; Vice President, John Lenker; Secretary, Kay Lenker; Treasurer, Larry Baber and Board Members: Jim Hunt, Roger Sullivan, Les Peich. The annual participation award prize was won by Phil Centman. Women in Military was Kay Lenker's subject for her February talk.

Beginning in March the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. rather than the 7:45. John and Kay Lenker commemorated their 10th wedding anniversary with the striking of a medal. An aluminum piece was given to members in attendance. Twenty-five members participated in the annual bus trip to the CSNA Symposium in Fullerton.

The 12th ANA Midwinter Convention held in San Diego was a great success due to the leadership of General Chairman Dorothy Baber and her outstanding committee. Dorothy is the third member of her family to receive the silver Goodfellow Medal. Husband Al received his in 1968 while son Larry earned his in 1981. No doubt about it, the Babers are a working numismatic family.

SDCICNC

The 32nd Annual COIN-A-RAMA scheduled for July 7 & 8, 1990 is progressing satisfactorily. Chuck Luce designed the show medal which will depict the new San Diego Convention Center. A loaded 47 passenger bus carried members to the Golden Coin Show held in January at the Pasadena Convention Center.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN LONG BEACH

The Long Beach Yacht Club was the place to be when Dr. John Venable installed the 1990 officers. Installed were Roy Iwata as President; Bob Smythe, Vice-President; Jim Anderson, Treasurer; Warren Heistand, Secretary; and Gwen Heistand, Historian. Board Members are: John Argeris, Floyd Bradford, Jr., Alex Brosseuk, Arnold Cowan, Dale Snyder, and Bill Zollinger.

Speakers included Bob Smythe, William O. Wisslead and Charles G. Colver. Gwen Heistand designed the clubs National Coin Week exhibit which was on display at the downtown Long Beach public library.

COVINA COIN CLUB RETURNS HOME

The Covina Coin Club has returned home to the Covina Park Recreation Hall, 340 Valencia Place after a long remodeling wait. In March Charles G. Colver presented a slide program on the Heritage of Coins and Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald was presented the "Red Comb." In April the Evolution of the Dollar was presented by the man from Hemet Angus Bruce. (By the way Awanda, I know a Ben Gay in Northern California).

HEMET NUMISMATISTS TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE

It was a fun time when L. George Mouh-touris was presented a Numismatic Quiz program. I can just hear George saying "GOTCHA." And the resident Currency expert of Hemet Angus Bruce presented "The Evolution of the United States Dollar Note" in April.

BAD NEWS FOR THE BAD GUYS!

Washington, D.C.



Both the U.S. Secret Service and the FBI are using gold to lift fingerprints from almost any surface including the adhesive side of tape — for the first time in history. This gives terrorists, drug dealers and other criminals a real problem because "they wrap their dope, bombs and counterfeit money with tape," said John Piper of the Technical Security Division of the U.S. Secret Service. Fingerprints become visible when washed with a gold solution, enhanced with a silver bath. The technique has proven effective on other surfaces, including computer floppy disks, credit cards, bullet cartridges and on wet and dry paper. (For more information, contact William Heimbach, Public Affairs, Los Angeles National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico (505) 667-7000.

This is from the Gold Institute, Suite 101, 1026 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

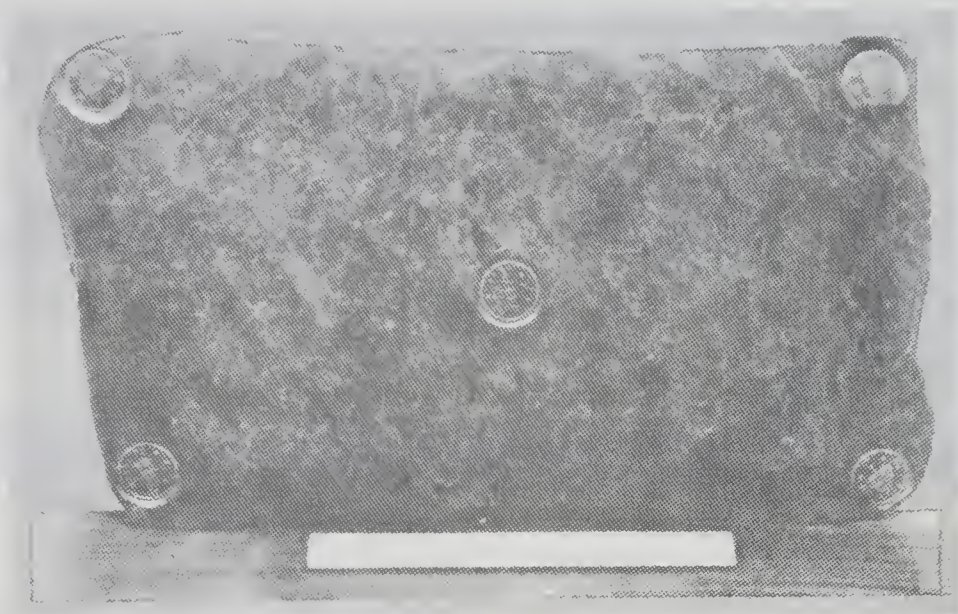


Photo from COINS Magazine.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST METAL COIN

The world's largest metal coin was minted in 1644 in Sweden by a company now known as the Avesta Steel Works. The 346 year old copper coin measures 14 by 24 inches, is half an inch thick and weights 44 pounds. It is a ten daler denomination coin, and in 1644 it would buy two cows.

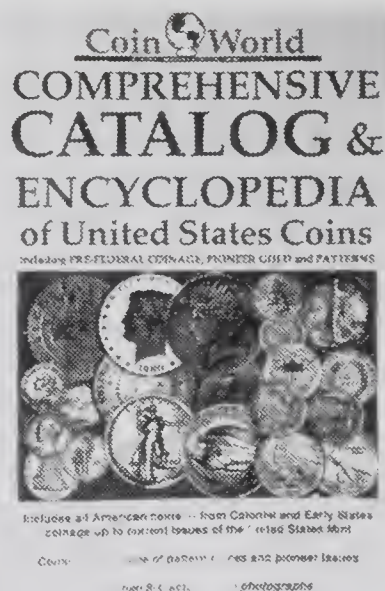
Avesta was one of Europe's largest copper refineries during the 17th century. Its mines dated back to the 1300's, when iron was mined. In 1619 Gustav II Adolf granted the company a monopoly to refine, mint and sell copper coins. All copper coins of the realm were produced by the company until 1831, when minting was transferred to Stockholm.

During those years Avesta minted 25,000 copper plate coins in 1, 2, 4, 8 and 10 daler denominations. Most of these coins were exported to other parts of Europe where they were melted down for their raw material instead of being used as media of exchange. Only three of these coins are known to exist today.

THE BOOK SHELF

The Coin World Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of United States Coins presents a full listing of U.S. pattern coins, those fascinating examples of designs, alloys, sizes and shapes never adopted for circulation, existing instead as the prized "might have beens" of numismatics. This is the first time that such a complete listing of patterns has appeared in a popularly priced book since 1957.

There are sections devoted to Colonial and Early State coinage, as well as the colorful area of pioneer gold coins and much, much more. Information as to price can be obtained by contacting Coin World, P.O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365.





NORTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: AL LO, CSNA #5174

FREE! FREE! FREE!

If any of you reading this column would like to see your club's activities or your name in this column, PLEASE make sure that your newsletter editor has my name on his mailing list. I have been receiving most of the Northern California coin clubs' bulletins but still miss some of them. DO NOT send your newsletters to Lorilei Fulwider, the old (er I mean former) Calcoin Northern California assistant editor. Send your newsletters to me:

Al Lo
Calcoin News
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I will make sure that your coin club will get FREE coverage in each and every issue of Calcoin News.

WHERE HAVE SOME OF THE COIN CLUBS GONE?

Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) editor Michael Turrini asked the above question in the April issue of the NCNA Heads and Tails. He cited many reasons for the extinction of coin clubs such as the loss of a meeting place, the transfer of key persons, or it was too great an expense. He said no extinct club comes back and so we must make sure that our own club does not fail. We should ask ourselves, "what we can do to enliven our club?" "Our coin hobby is only good as those of its adherents actively involved, doing and giving, and is at its worst so many care not, only taking and refusing." You're absolutely right, Michael!!

WHERE WERE THE PAST-PRESIDENTS ON MAY 14?

The Past-Presidents of the *Penninsula Coin Club* were at Jacqueline's on May 14 to celebrate the first Past-Presidents' Award Dinner. After many months of investigation all of the previous past presidents were located and contacted to attend this banquet to recognize them for their previous help to the club. Each past president received a uniface silver medal with his name and term of office engraved on it. The reverse design is the club's logo. It is encouraging to see many of the past presidents still active in the club — BOB KEEGAN, DAN SHATTUC, XAN CHAMBERLAIN, RICH DOUGLAS, FRED VAN HAAK, and JIM SOUTHWARD.

The February meeting was very interesting because every club member gave a short talk on "How I got started coin collecting." There were many varied and unusual reasons why members began coin collecting.

COIN CLUB SWITCHES TO PAPER MONEY!

In keeping with the long-time tradition of theme meetings, the *Vallejo Numismatic March* meeting was "Paper Money Night." All in attendance enjoyed member DON THRALL's talk on U.S. currency from colonial days to present. Everyone present also received a cancelled souvenir card, the Society's first, honoring Paper Money Night.

The 18th annual Vallejo Coin Show was held on April 29th. An eleven coin gold coin drawing, exhibits, bourse, and meet-

ings of the Solano Silver Round Club and the Northern California Numismatic Association were held. Woods for the show may be purchased via mail as a set of two for \$1.00 plus SASE. The wood is issued with both Indian and Buffalo obverses and features a covered wagon and pioneer family crossing the plains. Mail orders to "Vallejo Coin Club, P.O. Box 4281, Valejo, Ca. 94590.

IT'S MILLER TIME!

San Jose Coin Club held its annual elections in April and elected the following officers for 1990-1991: President, RON MILLER; Vice-President, DEAN ALFRED; Recording Secretary, MARSHALL MYERS; Corresponding Secretary, AL LO; and Treasurer, WALLY WALLAKER. Their Annual Award Banquet was held on April 28 where the new officers were inducted by Past-President STEVE SANFORD. President's Awards, consisting of a set of 1990 club medals, were awarded to 35 members who showed outstanding service to the club during the past year. The obverse and reverse dies for the 1990 club medal were presented to MARTHA and STEVE SANFORD as souvenirs for designing the club medal.

WHO'S AFRAID OF FRIDAY THE 13TH?

Not the *Delta Coin Club* who held their first hot dog and chili bean pot-luck dinner on that date. It was a family affair with members, spouses, etc. invited. (Who's an etc.??) The 1990 medal design contest was also held at this meeting. Plans are also under way for their coin show on October 20-21, 1990.

HAPPY 17TH BIRTHDAY!!!!

Fairfield Coin Club celebrated its 17th anniversary on March 28 with a pot-luck Dessert Meeting. A bingo night was held with \$100 worth of proof sets given as prizes. At the February meeting, RON KELICHER, SR. gave an outstanding talk on "Political Buttons and Presidential Candidate artifacts." Ron had an impressive collection of these items to accompany his talk.

WHAT'S NEW CUPERTINO?

President RAY JOHNSON was elected as the new President of the *Cupertino Coin Club* at its March meeting. Other 1990-1991 officers are: Vice-President, KATHERINE RAY; Corresponding Secretary, JEAN PRITCHETT; and Treasurer RON ISHIZAKI.

The 20th Annual Coin Show was a big success with both dealers and collectors happy at the end of the two day show. Exhibit winners who were also happy:

Best In Show:

AL LO

First Award Adult:

GARY ACQUISTAPACE

First Award Youth:

EDWARD SZETELA

Second Award Adult:

KATHERINE RAY

Second Award Youth:

TOMMY CAROLAN

Third Award Youth:

KELLY CAROLAN

WHAT'S BIGGER THAN VALENTINE'S DAY IN ARIZONA

PHIL NORDIN spoke on the *Fresno Numismatic Society* at their March meeting and told them that Arizona Statehood Day is a very big day and falls on Valentine's Day and Statehood Day is BIGGER than Valentine's Day. I bet that makes a lot of sweethearts (and candy merchants) unhappy! Phil didn't answer that question but he told everything you ever wanted to know about Arizona tokens.

At the April meeting, new member, DAVID MICHAELS presented a talk on the 12 Coins of Caesar. It was a very educational program on ancient coins.

A Certificate of Award was presented to JOHN PETERS for recognition of devotion as the Editor of the *Fresno Numismatist* for 1986-1990. John has resigned as editor to pursue a regional office in a national numismatic organization and was replaced by LOREN GAITHER. WELCOME to the Club, Loren!!

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE HANDS

Liberty Numismatic Society's AL LO was the March speaker and he spoke on his favorite topic, "Hawaiian Numismatics." In keeping with the theme of the evening, most of the members were in their finest

Hawaiian outfits. MARION SINTON won the President's Pineapple for the most Hawaiian garb but since it was not Hawaiian weather, it was not a hula skirt. (Aw shucks!)

DON BARSİ entertained the club at the April meeting with his review of sales tax tokens used in the 1930's to 1960's. Seated Liberty Half Dollar specialist, DAVID LANGE was the featured speaker at the May meeting and spoke on what else — Seated Liberty Half Dollars!

30 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

The *Diablo Coin Club* will be commemorating the club's Thirtieth Anniversary by issuing a limited mintage medal in both one ounce .999 fine silver and antique bronze and will have a design emblematic of the club's historic anniversary 1960-1990. Orders are being taken at \$20.00 postpaid for silver and \$2.00 postpaid for antique bronze. Ordering deadline is July 1. Orders should be sent to: P.O. Box 5096, Concord, Ca. 94524-0096.

1990 Officers for the Diablo Coin Club are: MAURICE ORTIZ, President; STAN TURRINI, Vice-President; STEWART

HUCKABY, Secretary; and JIM LIND, Treasurer. JUDY ORTIZ is the editor of the club's newsletter, "Diablo Die Break."

75 YEARS OF HISTORY IN ONE NIGHT!

The *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society's* past president DAVID LANGE reviewed the minutes of the club from 1915 to the present and presented his findings at the March meeting. This is part of the year long celebration of the society's diamond jubilee. Also speaking at recent meetings were MICHAEL TURRINI on the "Iowa Centennial Half Dollar" and KEN BARR on "Collecting Love Tokens."

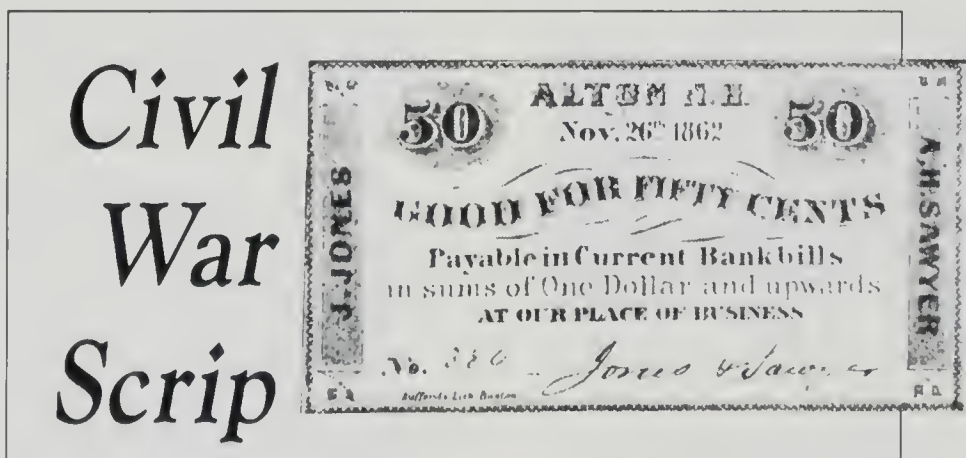
LOVE AND SILVER ROUNDS?

Solano Silver Round Club recognized ROBERT DEVINCENZI for his continued support to the Solano Silver Round Club. He has been the prime supplier of the silver rounds purchased by the club and his help is sincerely appreciated.

Editor JAN HENKE reminds everyone, "Spring is just around the corner when a young man's mind turns to Love and Collecting Silver Rounds."

JONES and SAWYER SCRIP

Alton, New Hampshire



During the Civil War a critical shortage of small change — or any coinage for that matter — developed in the Union states. Even merchants in northern New England, far from the fighting, found it necessary to issue their own scrip which could be given to customers as change. These notes were then redeemed when purchases were made in the future. The scrip from established and well-known firms, such as J. Jones and A. H. Sawyer, were even accepted and used by other merchants in the area.

These notes were well accepted and are quite scarce in today's market. They were made in 5, 10, 25 and 50-cent denomination. Each features a design similar to the note pictured above, which is printed in black ink on the face of the note and green on the reverse.

Laughing matter

In the 1930's people paid 10 cents to see a movie. Now they pay several hundred dollars for a TV set — and see the same movie.

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One player's mother was trying to cheer up the Little League coach after his team's disastrous season. "At least you've taught the boys sportsmanship," she comforted. "They are certainly good losers."

"Good?" howled the miserable coach. "Lady, they're perfect!"

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Hear about the restaurant they just opened on the moon? Great food, Good prices, no atmosphere.

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Auction house: a place where you buy something for nodding.

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When it was time for the 5-year old's first professional haircut, his grandfather asked to take him. The parents, thinking the close relationship between the two would ease the ordeal, readily agreed — and were astonished when the boy began to cry. "No! he bellowed. "I don't wanna go to Grandpa's barber!"

"Why on earth not?" asked the bemused parents.

"Cause he cuts a big hole in the top of Grandpa's hair," wailed the lad, "an' I don't want one in mine!"

Anybody who thinks there's plenty of room at the top has a lot to learn about pyramids.

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The junior college routinely cancels a course if fewer than 15 students register for it, and "The American Revolution and the War of 1812" was thus threatened — until its savvy instructor changed the catalog listing to read "13-Star Wars and the British Empire Strikes Back."

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My seven year old started a coin collection and some of the coins were tarnished. I promised I'd help clean them but just never got around to it. One day when we were out driving, he yelloed, "Stop the car. I can get my coins cleaned."

I turned to see a sign on the side of a building. It read, "Coin Laundry."

Planning to Move?

Be *sure* to advise us of your new address.

Keep in touch!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE BY GARY BEEDON

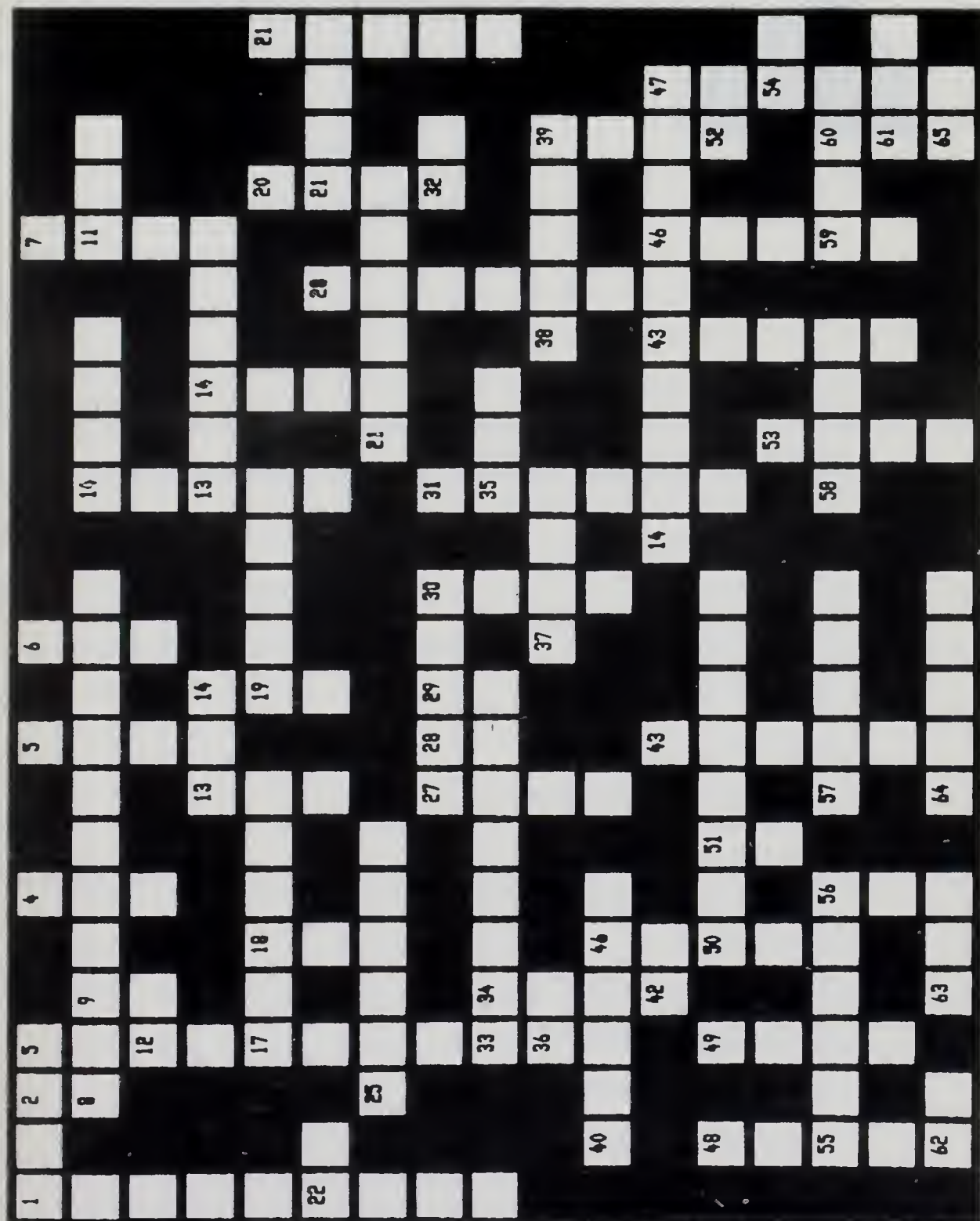
Thanks to Gary Beedon for the CSNA Crossword Puzzle. The answers will be in the Fall Issue.

ACROSS

1. Round metal object
8. A Serious Collector
10. Yellow Metal
11. Liberty . . .
12. Same as #9 Down
13. A work of . . .
15. Denotes a Weight Change
17. Word on Most U.S. Coins
19. Coin
22. Carson City
24. Ten Cents
25. Large Country
26. Eagle is Doing this on 1858 Cent
27. Collectable Item
32. Coin Grade
33. Attribute
35. Not New
36. California
37. Tail of Coin
38. They Spend Zlotych
40. Found on High Grade Coins
42. EA
44. George or a State
50. 1836 Dollar
52. State Where Iola is Located
54. California
55. A Mint in Colorado
57. They Have Members
58. Not Rich or a Grade
59. This could Hurt a Coin
61. A Group of Coins
62. About Uncirculated
63. Better Than Choice
64. A Method Not a Grade
65. . . Hall

DOWN

1. Backbone of Numismatics
2. . . God We Trust
3. Study of Money
4. General Services Administration
5. Stella
6. Our Country
7. A Coin Grading Service
9. Mint State
10. What one does to a coin
13. CDN . . .
14. . . . Dollars
16. Twenty Morgan Dollars
18. Numismatic Association
20. Part of a Coin
21. Looks like a Coin
23. A cent
27. Where Coins are Made
28. United States . . America
29. New York
30. Date
31. Hundred Cents
34. Year
39. A Coin
41. National Bird
43. Coin Seller
45. Unreactive Coin Holder
46. Who is Buried in Grant's Tomb?
47. Five Cents
48. Where One Finds Rupees
49. Part of a Dollar
51. Brilliant Uncirculated
53. This can Ruin a Coin
56. The Edge
60. Confederate States of America





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The Secretary's Report

New Members

January 27, 1990 through April 27, 1990

- 5311 GARCIA, FELIX
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TRANSFER TO LIFE MEMBER:

Regular Member #3358, LM 44-1 Ronald Ishizaki

RESIGNED:

4398 Al Tom

DECEASED

- 4568 John Boydston
- 2270 Nathan Bromberg
- 1664 H. J. Chase
- 966 Harry M. Lessin
- 3530A Ruth L. Stones
- 1944 Angelo R. Turrini
- 2177 Tom Whitten

Membership on January 27, 1990	1019
New Members January 27, 1990 through April 27, 1990	25
Resigned	1
Deceased	7
Membership Total April 27, 1990	1036
Total Life members	146

WELCOME . . . William J. Grant

Our new Assistant Editor for South of the Tehachapis is well known in Southern California numismatics. He has been the Bourse Coordinator for CSNA for a number of years, speaker, author of The Bourse Corner column for Calcoin News, is on the Educational Symposium Committee, exhibitor, a judge, and whenever you need a hand he always tries to help.

Southern California clubs — be sure to send your bulletins directly to Bill at P.O. Box 295, Patton, Ca. 92369.

CALENDAR OF NUMISMATIC EVENTS

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- September 28-30, 1990 87th Convention & Coin Show
Hyatt House, First Ave., San Jose, Ca.
Gen. Chrm. Ken Barr, Box 32541, San Jose, Ca. 95152
Host Club: Cupertino Coin Club
- January 25-27, 1991 88th Convention & Coin Show
Golden State Coin Show
CSNA, COIN, NASC, SIN — Pasadena Convention Center
General Chairman: Tom Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724
Bourse Chairman: Kay Lenker, Box 6909, San Diego 92106
- March, 1991 23rd Annual Educational Symposium
Griswold's Inn, Freeway 91, Raymond Off-Ramp, Fullerton
Dir. of Ed. — Tom Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724
- September 6, 7, 8, 1991 89th Convention & Coin Show
Fresno Numismatic Society

W. J. Grant, BOURSE COORDINATOR, P.O. Box 295, Patton, Ca, 92369
To be contacted for bourse applications to any CSNA convention.

OTHERS

- July 7-8, 1990 32nd Annual Coin-a-rama
San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council
Scottish Rite Memorial Center, Mission Valley, San Diego
Bourse: Kay Lenker, Box 6909, San Diego 92106
- July 14-15, 1990 32nd Annual Coin Show
Santa Barbara Coin Club, Miramar Hotel Convention Center
U.S. 101 at San Ysidro Rd. (Montecito), Santa Barbara
Bourse: Ron J. Gillio, 1013 State St., Santa Barbara 93101
- July 22, 1990 23rd Annual Collectible Show
California Exonumist Society
Griswold's Inn, Freeway #91 at Raymond, Fullerton
Gen. Chrm. Phil Iversen, Box 5207, Sherman Oaks 91413
- August 10-12, 1990 29th Coin Show & Exposition
Northern California Numismatic Association
Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, San Francisco
Bourse: Ron Miller, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Fremont 94536
- August 19, 1990 Annual Coin Show
Fremont Coin Club
Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive
Information: FCC, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- September 23, 1990 1st Coin Show
Fairfield Coin Club
Student Center, Bldg. 1400, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley
Road, Cordelia.
Information: Jan Henke, P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, Ca. 94533.
- October 14, 1990 23rd Annual Coin-a-rama
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa
Bourse Chrm: William Feist, Box 2811, Santa Rosa 95405
- December 9, 1990 29th Annual Coin Show
Diablo Coin Club
Concord Hilton, Main Exhibition Rms, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord, Ca.
Bourse Cord: Maurice Ortiz, Box 5096, Concord, Ca. 94524-0096.
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